

Assembly Bill No. 2006

CHAPTER 246

An act to add Section 14800.1 to the Financial Code, relating to credit unions.

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AB 2006, John A. Pérez. Credit union services.

Existing law prohibits an officer, director, committee member, or employee of a credit union from extending any benefit or service of the credit union to any person, unless that person is admitted to membership in the credit union. Existing law also prohibits a credit union from creating any obligation with a person who is not admitted to membership in the credit union, except as specified. A knowing or willful violation of these provisions is a crime, as specified.

This bill would authorize a credit union to sell, to a natural person in the field of membership, regardless of whether the person is admitted to membership, checks, as defined, and other similar money transfer instruments, including domestic and international electronic funds transfers. The bill would authorize a credit union to cash checks and other similar money transfer instruments and to receive international and domestic electronic fund transfers for those persons. The bill would also authorize a credit union to charge a fee for providing these services, not to exceed the cost of providing the services.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 14800.1 is added to the Financial Code, to read:

14800.1. (a) Notwithstanding subdivision (b) of Section 14800 or Section 14750, a credit union may do all of the following:

(1) Provide the services specified in paragraph (2) to a natural person within the field of membership, regardless of whether the person is admitted to membership, and charge a fee for the provision of those services, which fee shall not exceed the cost to provide those services.

(2) (A) Sell checks and other similar money transfer instruments, including international and domestic electronic fund transfers.

(B) Cash checks and other similar money transfer instruments and receive international and domestic electronic fund transfers.

(b) For purposes of this section, “checks” shall have the same meaning as set forth in subdivision (f) of Section 3104 of the Commercial Code.

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